

part of these were still alive and could be asked to testify of their seeing the risen Lord.

Next in order He appeared to James. Since there is more than one James mentioned in the New Testament, who is this James? In my judgment it is James the Lord's brother. He along with the other brothers did not believe on the Lord during the days of His earthly life. "For even His brethren did not believe on Him." (John 7:5) Between the resurrection and the ascension Jesus must have appeared to His own brother and such an appearance resulted in the conversion of James. We read of His brethren who are gathered in the upper room with the disciples of Jesus and the women subsequent to the ascension. (Acts 1:13,14) This James became an outstanding leader in Judaistic Christianity, the one who presided at the Jerusalem Council around A.D. 50 described in Acts 15. It was this James whom Paul met in Jerusalem on the occasion of his first visit there following his conversion. In Galatians 1:18 and 19 Paul says, "Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and tarried with him fifteen days. But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother."

"Then He appeared to all the apostles." Is Paul here using a synonym for "the twelve" or is he using the word "apostle" in a broader sense? Some expositors have found the parallel to this appearance in the one just before the ascension of Jesus, Luke 24 and Acts 1.

"Last of all" in point of time, "He appeared to me also, as of one born out of due time." Paul was the last to whom the risen Lord appeared. The appearances had closed with the ascension of Jesus, but they were reopened for Paul. This appearance of the risen Jesus to Paul resulted in his remarkable conversion. He speaks very freely and openly about this fact. "Am I not an apostle?" "Have I not seen Jesus?" (I Corinthians 9:1) Paul's call to the apostleship rests upon